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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP ART UNIT 1652

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Robertson, et al.  
Application No.: 09/382,242  
Filed: August 24, 1999  
Title: ESTERASES

Art Unit: 1652  
Examiner: R. E. Prouty

BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2001, please consider the following remarks and amendments.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <b>April 3, 2002</b> , in an envelope addressed to: ATTN: BOX AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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